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Applicant's or agent's file reference P036256/WO/1	FOR FURTHER ACTION	
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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Translation

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

		Date of mailing (day/month/year)	See Form PCT/ISA/210 (sheet 2)
Applicant's or agent's file reference P036256/WO/1		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:
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 - Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I	Basis of this opinion
1.	With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. <input type="checkbox"/> This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2.	With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of: a. type of material <input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing <input type="checkbox"/> table(s) related to the sequence listing b. format of material <input type="checkbox"/> in written format <input type="checkbox"/> in computer readable form c. time of filing/furnishing <input type="checkbox"/> contained in the international application as filed. <input type="checkbox"/> filed together with the international application in computer readable form. <input type="checkbox"/> furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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4.	Additional comments:

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Box No. V	<u>Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</u>	
1. Statement		
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8
	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-8
	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8
	Claims	
2. Citations and explanations:		
<p>The application meets the requirements of PCT Article 33 for the following reasons:</p> <p>1. <u>Claim 1</u> relates to a device for forming a closed hollow section by means of high pressure according to the preamble of claim 1 and as disclosed, for example, by cited DE-C-199 05 849 (D1).</p> <p>In a simple construction of the axial plunger with associated sealing means, the problem addressed by the application can therefore be considered that of ensuring suitable protection of the sealing body from wear and damage.</p> <p>The problem is solved in particular by the sealing body with trough-like recess (known from D1 and from DE-A-199 09 927 (D2)) being used in combination with an annular collar, projecting radially beyond the sealing body, and an axial stop for the hollow section.</p> <p>As a result, the axial plunger can be pushed into the hollow section and pulled out again without the sealing body touching the hollow section, the stop providing adequate sealing when the internal pressure is being</p>		

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increased.

Annular collars and stops are certainly known from the prior art (e.g. axial plunger according to **DE-U-93 20 620 (D3)** or **US-A-2002/0014007 (D4)**, but in other designs of the sealing rings (**D3, D4**) and with a complicated construction of the axial plunger, which has an axially movable pressure body for acting upon the sealing ring or the sealing rings (**D2, D3**).

2. Claims 2 to 8 are dependent upon claim 1 and therefore likewise comply with PCT Article 33.